S. No.	Name of the District	No. of Targeted families
14.	Ranga Reddy	29979
15.	Nizamabad	22589
16.	Medak	27308
17.	Mahboobnagar	32005
18.	Nalgonda	30453
19.	Warangal	32006
20.	Khammam	30178
21.	Karimnagar	29856
22.	Adilabad	32005
23.	Hyderabad	13365
	TOTAL:	622800

Free Foodgrains to drought hit States

2596. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated 11 lakh tonnes of foodgrains free of cost to the drought hit States for launching food-for- work programmes and out of which only 4.84 lakh tonnes have been lifted by them;

(b) whether out of the 1.5 lakh tonne foodgrains earmarked for cattle feed, only fifteen thousand tonne has,been lifted; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The Government have allocated a quantity of about 21. '.9 lakh tonnes of foodgrains free of cost to the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh for Food for Work programmes in drought affected areas. The lifting by States as on 2.8.2001 was about 13.09 lakh tonnes. The State-wise details are given in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) Food Corporation of India was authorized to release the available stock of feed category foodgrains to the drought affected States. However, no specific quantity was earmarked for the purpose. So far about 24,000 MTs of feed category foodgrains have been lifted by the States.

Statement

Allocation and Offtake ofFoodgrains Under Food for Work (Allotted Free of Cost)

(in tonnes)

	Allotment (Upto 9.8.2001)			Offtake (Prov.) (Upto 2.8.2001)		
	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL
Chhattisgarh	507000	0	507000	407000	0	407000
Gujarat	31590	116515	148105	19185	69621	88806
Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549	7286	0	7286
Maharashtra	10000	40000	50000	5110	14368	19478
Madhya Pradesh	54424	158655	213079	39095	123846	162941
Orissa	150000	0	150000	131815	14617	146432
Rajasthan	0	739505	739505	0	477441	477441
Andhra Pradesh	300000	0	300000	0	0	0
TOTAL:	1064563	1054675	2119238	609491	699893	1309384

In case of Orissa Wheat Allocation of 20,000 Tonnes has been Converted into Rice Allocation but 14617 Tonnes of Lifting of Wheat has been reported.

National Foodgrains Distribution Policy

2597. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in die absence of any uniform National Distribution Policy on foodgrains, the people are starving in many States and huge surplus of foodgrains mounting with FCI;

(b) if so, whether several experts have also urged Government to come out with a National Foodgrains Distribution Policy; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in mis regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) Only about 15% to 20% of the total production of foodgrains in the country is procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies for central pool. As such the supply of foodgrains to consumers under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is only supplemental in nature.

In order to address the problems emerging from the changed scenario in the food sector, Government has decided to constitute a High Level Committee on 16th November, 2000 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, Ex-Chairman,